



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 592

February Session, 2006

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**AN ACT LIMITING LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCESS TO RECORDED
INFORMATION IN "BLACK BOX" EVENT DATA RECORDERS IN
MOTOR VEHICLES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2006*) (a) As used in this
2 section, "event data recorder" means a device installed in a passenger
3 motor vehicle, as defined in section 14-1 of the 2006 supplement to the
4 general statutes, that (1) records (A) the speed at which the motor
5 vehicle is traveling, (B) the direction in which the motor vehicle is
6 traveling, (C) a history of where the vehicle travels, (D) steering
7 performance data, (E) brake performance data, including, but not
8 limited to, whether the brakes were applied before an accident, or (F)
9 the usage of the driver's seat belt, or (2) is capable of transmitting data
10 concerning an accident in which the motor vehicle is involved to a
11 central communications system.

12 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, no peace
13 officer, as defined in section 53a-3 of the general statutes, may obtain
14 or use data stored on or transmitted from an event data recorder
15 unless (1) the owner or lessee of the motor vehicle consents in writing,
16 (2) the officer obtains the data pursuant to a search warrant issued by a
17 judge of the Superior Court or a judge trial referee under the
18 provisions of section 54-33a of the general statutes, or (3) the motor
19 vehicle was involved in a collision that resulted in a fatality.

20 (c) Data stored on or transmitted from an event data recorder may
21 be obtained or used by a peace officer without obtaining consent or a
22 search warrant as required in subsection (b) of this section if the data is
23 stored or transmitted pursuant to a subscription agreement and the
24 subscription agreement discloses that the data may be stored or
25 transmitted.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
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| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2006</i> | New section |
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PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*